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HAPPIER DAYS FOLLOWED... —Above photo, which ran two weeks ago in the Torrance Press, pictured happier days at Lomita's Park Barbershop, 1970 Pacific Coast Hwy. When local barber's union set up picket line in front of the shop, owner Ellis Albertson hired two professional models to pace pickets. Good-natured buffoonery was picked up by wire services and appeared in newspapers across the country, even pointing out that one of the models was recommended by one of the pickets.



...BY SADDER DAYS—But someone, apparently, couldn't take a joke. Sheriff's arson investigators today are looking for the person who siphoned gasoline out of the truck parked in the rear of the shop, poured it out on the floor and tossed in a match. Flames gutted the interior of the shop causing an estimated \$5,000 damage and Albertson sadly hung a "closed" sign on the front door. Officers reported that the set fires followed the same pattern as those in Norwalk, La Puente, Compton and Covina shops.

County Asks New Court Site Survey

Show Interest In Torrance's Offer of Site

Members of the Board of Supervisors Tuesday rejected recommendations of county officials that the proposed new Southwest District Superior Court be located in Inglewood, and ordered a new report prepared showing offers of free land for the site, construction costs and estimated costs of locating the facility.

In a surprise motion by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, which was carried unanimously by the Board, the supervisors agreed that the initial report, submitted and prepared by County Administrator Lindon S. Hollinger, was insufficient and that many factors were not taken into consideration such as subsequent offers of free land for the site in Torrance.

MAYOR'S VICTORY

Torrance City officials felt that the county decision was a clear-cut victory for Mayor Albert Isen who has spearheaded attempts to get the county to reopen its study of possible sites for the court.

In calling for the new report Chace asked that the date of the public hearing, February 15, be postponed at least 60 days pending receipt of the additional information. "I understand the chief administrative officer wrote the Torrance city attorney on January 23, stating the Superior Courts judges' committee, appointed to study a site selection for this district, has requested the CAO to provide specific information and cost data relative to the factors of site, construction and parking at each of the three proposed locations, Inglewood, Lennox and Torrance," Chace stated.

NOT COMPREHENSIVE

Declaring that new developments indicate the original report "is not nearly comprehensive enough to make a decision at this time," Chace pointed out that many factors have not been taken into consideration in the original report, including offers of free land in Torrance's new civic center.

Mayor Albert Isen, in a recent telegram to the Board, protested the recommendation of Hollinger's office that the new Courts Building be located in Inglewood, declaring:

"Public convenience and interest require reconsideration of district boundaries. Inglewood does not and cannot adequately serve the needs of the people of the South Bay, Lomita, Gardena, Torrance and Palos Verdes Peninsula."

Prompt Action Of RB Officer Saves Infant

A Redondo Beach police officer outside of his jurisdiction was credited with saving the life of a one-year-old baby this week after the youngster apparently drowned in a bathtub.

Officer William Frommer will be commended by the Sheriff's office for his quick arrival and speedy action which saved the life of little Robert Schoebinger. Call to the wrong police station was made by frantic mother, Mrs. Elsie Schoebinger, 1039 Avenue C, in the county area just outside Redondo.

Youngster was taken to Pacific Medical Center where physicians again commended Frommer for the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation which saved his life.

El Camino Festival of Jazz Set For Two Weekend Performances

Jazz will be featured at El Camino College where competitive performances will be presented tomorrow afternoon from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and a jazz concert will be staged Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the campus center.

Sponsored by the college music department, the first annual Jazz Festival will be opened to all high school and independent youth dance bands throughout the area. Friday's performance will be free of charge to the public, while tickets to the Saturday performance will be \$1

for adults and 50c for students.

DEVELOPMENT

Commenting upon the weekend performances Calvin I. Greer, faculty advisor, stated, "The two jazz events are being staged to further the development of our youth in the field of popular music. Most of our graduating musicians go into this area, and the schools offer little or nothing to prepare them for it." "Groups participating are invited to play for 15 minutes for adjudication by competent judges," Greer continued.

Trophies will be awarded the outstanding bands, both large and small. The outstanding band will appear on Saturday night. Judges for the event will be Robert MacDonald of Valley College, chairman, who will be assisted by Marshall Rips of Torrance, well-known saxophonist and arranger.

BATTLE OF BANDS Saturday night's concert will feature both the El Camino College Symphonic Band and The Warrior Dance (Continued on Page A-3)



GIVEN TO SCHOOLS — Twenty six acre parcel of land, approximately outlined above, declared surplus by the Navy Department, finally was given, cost free, to the Torrance Unified School District, it was reported yesterday by Senator Thomas Kuchel in Washington, D.C. Located between Crenshaw and Orange, and just south of Washington St., the land will be used to expand facilities for Torrance High School. Local school officials have commended the Torrance Press for its stand and editorial fight for the property.

PRESS LEADS FIGHT

Torrance School District Will Receive Controversial Navy Surplus Land Parcel

A controversial 26-acre parcel of Naval surplus property sought by business interests and the Torrance Unified School District, will be transferred to the local district without cost, it was learned Wednesday.

A telegram from Senator Thomas Kuchel was received at the offices of the Torrance Press just before noon yesterday, reported that the General Service Administration, which controls the sale of surplus government property, had reversed its stand and would offer the property to the Torrance school district.

The Press has led a general campaign to secure the site for the district, noting that large areas of land, suitable for educational purposes, are difficult to find in Torrance. Late last year, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said, "We are certainly most grateful to the Torrance Press and to its editorial stand for helping in this matter."

The irregular-shaped parcel of land which caused the controversy is located between Crenshaw and Orange, south of Washington St. It will be used to expand the present facilities at Torrance High School, district officials stated.

Present facilities of the school are located on 17 acres, limiting enrollment. Recommended acreage for California high schools is 40 acres which allows room for expanding enrollment and facilities.

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Dem Council Names Officers

The 68th District Democratic Council recently named a gas company employee, T. D. Fleetwood of Torrance, as chairman for the coming year.

Manuel Bettancourt of Harbor City was elected as vice chairman of the Council. Other officers for the year are John Manning, Torrance corresponding secretary, and Marie de Jullo, San Pedro, recording secretary.

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SIPHON GASOLINE...

Lomita Barbershop. Involved In Dispute, Gutted By Fire: Estimate \$5000 Damge.

A resumption of union-management warfare in the South Bay area was feared today following the gutting of a Lomita barbershop in an obviously set fire early Monday morning. Damage was estimated at between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Owner Ellis Albertson had drawn attention to the dispute earlier this month when he hired professional models to pace pickets in front of his shop carrying placards proclaiming his employees were not on strike. Deputies of the Sheriff's arson detail reported that

two patrolling officers Robert Thomas and Wilmer Layne of Lennox Station, spotted the fire in the barbershop, 1970 Pacific Coast Highway, at 1:34 a.m. Monday. After calling the local fire department they, and bystanders, pushed nearby parked vehicles out of the way.

SIPHONED GASOLINE

Arson investigators reported that whoever set the fire had siphoned gasoline out of the tank of a pickup truck belonging to Albertson which was parked outside the rear door. Gasoline was siphoned directly into

the shop, pouring out on the floor. Deputies were not sure whether the gasoline was ignited by a hot water heater located in the rear of the shop or whether a match was thrown through the door.

Investigators said that the burning of the shop followed exactly the same pattern as the blowing up of barbershops in Norwalk and La Puente, and the attempted burning of a shop in Covina. Each of the shops was non-union and was being picketed at the time of the attempts.



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